

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ophthalmic apparatus comprising:
a chin rest on which a chin of an examinee is placed;
a chin rest moving unit which puts the chin rest into up/down movement;

an examination unit which has an examination optical system for examining an eye of the examinee;

a first moving unit which puts the examination unit into up/down movement with respect to the eye;

an alignment condition detection unit which detects an alignment condition of the examination unit with respect to the eye; and

a control unit which drives and controls the chin rest moving unit based on at least any one of a possible range of the up/down movement and a limit position of the up/down movement of the examination unit as well as a detection result obtained by the alignment condition detection unit.

2. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit drives and controls the chin rest moving unit so that the eye is positioned within a predetermined narrower range than the possible range of the up/down movement of the examination unit.

3. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a movement limit sensing unit which senses the limit position of the up/down movement of the examination unit,

wherein the control unit drives and controls the chin rest moving unit so that the eye is positioned within a predetermined narrower range than the possible range of the up/down movement of the examination unit based on a sensing result obtained by the movement limit sensing unit.

4. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit drives and controls the first moving unit based on the detection result obtained by the alignment condition detection unit.

5. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a second moving unit which puts the examination unit into right/left movement and back/forth movement with respect to the eye,

wherein the control unit drives and controls the second moving unit based on the detection result obtained by the alignment condition detection unit.

6. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an informing unit which informs that the chin rest is to be moved by the chin rest moving unit.

7. The ophthalmic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mode-selecting switch for selecting any one of a first examination mode in which the examinee him/herself performs examination and a second examination mode in which the examiner performs the examination; and

a sensor for sensing that the chin of the examinee

is placed on the chin rest,

wherein a detection signal from the sensor becomes a trigger for starting alignment in a case where the first examination mode is selected.